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Instead of an advertisement on the back of a ticket-vending machine, passengers stepping onto the south platform of the Downtown West – Kerby C-Train station have been greeted by this black-and-white photo of two smiling men in a lake, pinching each others' nipples. Want to know why? You're not the only one. Story, page 6. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Cameras aimed at Britannia park vandals

Off-leash anger. Dog walkers and residents upset by changes

Three months after Mayor Naheed Nenshi chided Calgarians who reportedly hurled abuse — and rocks — at crews erecting fencing in a beloved southwest off-leash area, the city now plans to install security cameras to curb ongoing vandalism at the site.

"I'm really sad it's come to that," Alex Middleton, who walks his dog several times a day in the area, said Tuesday. "It seems like a huge waste of taxpayer money."

The large natural area in question stretches along the Elbow River and is made up of Britannia Slopes, Sandy Beach and River Park.

Many area residents were furious when crews started installing hundreds of metres of fence and limiting off-leash sections last November as part of a major redesign, which the city has planned for several

years and says is necessary to prevent slope erosion.

Police even received reports of "rocks being thrown at workers," according to the community association newsletter.

That led to the public rebuke from the mayor, who told those involved: "You need to rethink your priorities."

Since then, the city has seen continued vandalism and plans to announce details Wednesday of new security cameras to be installed in the area.

Roy Sujir, who walks his dogs in the park daily, said he's seen numerous acts of vandalism against the newly installed infrastructure.

"A lot of the posts were being pulled out, especially the ones with the signs saying, 'This trail closed,'" Sujir said. "I've seen a lot of them thrown away in the bush."

Middleton also pointed to a damaged section of the new off-leash "corral," where he said someone drove a vehicle through the fence.

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Mars One. Calgary man keeping eyes on the skies

His dreams of leaving Earth — potentially permanently — have been grounded, but a Calgary astronaut-in-the-making says he's not slowing down.

Engineer Zac Trolley was among 1,000 shortlisted for the maiden Mars One voyage — which has a goal of reaching the Red Planet's surface in 2023 — but learned over the weekend that he didn't make the pared-down edition of 100 candidates.

In an interview last year with Metro, Trolley said he believed people like him were on the cutting edge of a new space race. Reached Tuesday, he said he has full intentions of applying again when new applications for Mars One are accepted in a few years.

"I'm going to keep that energy, I'm going to keep doing what I'm doing and looking for more opportunities for myself," Trolley said. "There will be other ventures, there will be other opportunities. So, I'm just going to prepare and get that much better for the next round."

After he was shortlisted, Trolley embarked on a speaking tour, discussing inter-planetary trade with school-aged children. He also strived to keep in good physical shape and study up on survival and the rigours of space travel.

Asked if the Mars One crew made a mistake, Trolley said, "I can't say. I haven't met any of those candidates. We'll see what happens. This has never been done before."

Six Canadians did make the final 100, including an English teacher from Whistler B.C., a PhD from Waterloo, Ont., and an IT analyst from Toronto.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Corrie tattoos making waves across the pond

Coronation Street.

Calgary couple's love of British soap opera turns into art project that has attracted notice in U.K.



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Lindsay and Steve Peace wanted to bring a little piece of Corrie, as it's known by devoted fans who have watched Coronation Street as far back as 1960, into their Calgary home. Now, their artistic endeavour has been viewed by millions.

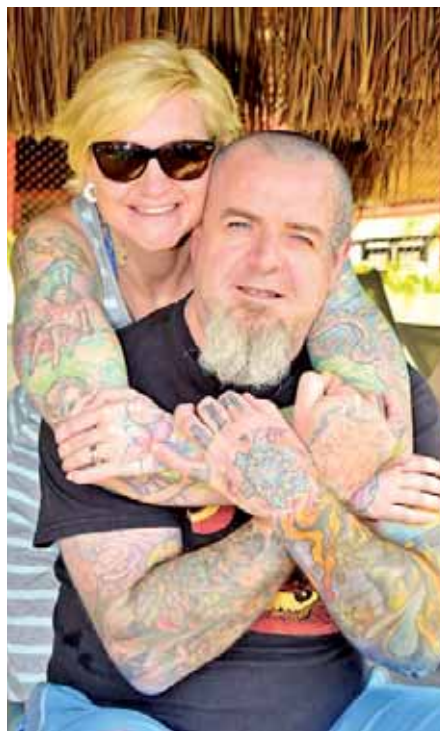
The pair had always shared a love of the famed British soap opera — Steve Peace is from England and wife Lindsay has deemed it a guilty pleasure of sorts — and they have a pact to never watch Coronation Street apart.

"It's pretty much the only thing we have in common," Steve joked on Tuesday.

"He listens to heavy metal and I don't; he watches wrestling and I don't; he works, I don't," Lindsay said. "But every day, we watch Coronation Street."

Steve is an accomplished tattooist, and together the pair came up with the idea of inking a Coronation Street character on Lindsay's left leg, but it was hard to pick a favourite. As of Tuesday, the finishing touches were being put on the faces of Roy and Hayley Cropper, Rita Sullivan, Betty Williams and Norris Cole.

"Norris, he's like a nosy, busybody, pain-in-the-ass kind



Steve and Lindsay Peace share a love of British soap opera Coronation Street, and their Corrie-themed tattoos are creating buzz in Britain. Right: Some of the tattoos etched on the left leg of Lindsay by her artist husband Steve. COURTESY STEVE PEACE

of person," Steve said. "It's not someone who'd ever get tattooed, which is the awesome part about it."

For fun, Steve also sent the images to a media outlet in Manchester, England. Before long, the Peace tattoos were picked up by U.K. newspapers the Daily Mail, the Mirror and the British version of Cosmopolitan.

The tattoos also showed up on Buzzfeed Monday morning — something that was a big deal to the couple's daughter

— and television network ITV, which broadcasts Coronation Street, inquired about an on-camera interview.

Lindsay said her 15 minutes of fame have been a tad overwhelming.

"It's crazy," she said. "I have a lot of tattoos and nobody's ever cared about any of them. People have their favourite movies and favourite bands and get tattoos ... I guess what I didn't think about is how big of a deal Coronation Street is over there

(in the U.K.)."

Steve said he's put about 40 to 50 hours into his Coronation creation to date.

"I think it (the show) has such an appeal over here because all of the expats watch it and it reminds them of home," he said. "Not the murder and the deceit and the cheating part of it — if I lived on that street, I'd move."

The Peaces will venture to Manchester next week and show off Lindsay's ink at a tattoo exhibition.

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Alleged murderer of Dawns Baptiste appears in court

Homicide. Emotions run high as family members gather to see alleged killer of the mother of four



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It was an emotional Tuesday morning in Calgary's provincial court as family members of the city's fifth homicide victim of 2015 gathered to see the man accused of killing Dawns Echoes Baptiste.

The remains of Baptiste, a 31-year-old mother of four, were found in the 0 to 100 block of Whitworth Road N.E. last Thursday. On Tuesday, the man charged with first-degree murder in her death, 25-year-old Curtis Jade Tyson Healy, made a brief court appearance.

The emotions of family members overflowed as one of Baptiste's relatives hurled expletives as he was leaving court.

Describing her as an "outgoing" and "wonderful" person, the victim's brother, Alex Baptiste, said his sister's life was ended just as she was getting it back on track. She had just landed a new job and was working to get custody of her four kids.

"Her children are going to be affected the most," he told a



Fighting back tears, Alex Baptiste, right — the older brother of the city's fifth homicide victim of 2015, Dawns Echoes Baptiste — speaks with reporters alongside his common-law partner, Pam. He said his family has been devastated by the 'brutal' death of his younger sister. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

group of reporters, later adding he was "disgusted" by seeing the man who allegedly murdered his younger sister.

While he was thankful that charges were laid in relation to her death, he said the family still "has a mountain to climb" as the proceedings move forward.

Police have not released Baptiste's cause of death; however her brother described it as "brutal" and said the impact has been widespread.

"It's devastating for the whole family," he said outside court.

Staff. Sgt. Colin Chisholm, of the Calgary Police Service

homicide unit, noted tips from the public aided their investigation, as they had originally asked for help identifying the accused as a person of interest.

According to police, Healy and Baptiste met on Feb. 10 and spent the evening travelling to various areas of the city via C-Train.

Just before midnight, the two left Whitehorn station and walked into the community, police said. It's alleged that an altercation ensued and Baptiste was dragged into a nearby yard where she was sexually assaulted and would later die from her injuries.

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City hall

BRT at top of city's wish list

Bus rapid transit would be at the top of Calgary's list if the provincial or federal governments suddenly came knocking with a few hundred million dollars to spend on infrastructure, according to a new "unified" wish list of projects the city wants to undertake but doesn't have the money for.

Coun. Shane Keating asked city staff to come up with the simplified list last fall during budget deliberations, but Mayor Naheed Nenshi said Tuesday it may now prove even more useful if either level of government decides to invest in infrastructure to shore up Alberta's sagging economy.

"There's a slightly greater than zero per cent chance that there may be a new stimulus program coming some time soon," he said. "If that is the case, then it's very helpful for us to have this."

The list divides projects by category and includes detail on how "shovel-ready" they are and how many jobs they would create.

Transportation weighs in as the most expensive category, with the top five projects requiring a total of \$651 million in additional grants.

Topping the transportation list are four proposed bus rapid transit (BRT) corridors across the city that require another \$139 million to top up the funds the city has set aside.

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Same-sex nipple pinch 'ad' concerns some of Calgary Transit's ridership



A train arrives at the Downtown West — Kerby CTrain station, where an unusual "advertisement" depicting two men in a lake, pinching each others' nipples, has raised some eyebrows. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

City art. Purchased space is actually for artwork as part of the Calgary Biennial



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Two smiling men in a lake pinch each others' nipples greet passengers stepping onto the south platform of the Downtown West — Kerby CTrain station.

The poster-sized, black-and-white photograph is displayed behind Plexiglass on a small shelter that surrounds a ticket-vending terminal. The space is typically where you would find an advertisement; a poster selling makeup is draped on the corresponding shelter on the north platform.

"I don't get it," says one CTrain rider as he pauses mo-

mentarily, stares at the smiling men, and continues on his way.

Others have been less neutral in their assessments of the artwork.

Steven Cottingham, curator of Calgary Biennial, a city-wide exhibition of "guerrilla-style" art to which the photo currently belongs, says he has been forwarded "a handful" of concerns expressed to Calgary Transit and Pattison Outdoor, the company that owns the ad space.

"The emails they've forwarded to me have a layer of tact over them, but they said they're concerned about the sexuality and the nipple touching that's happening in the photo," he said.

Many of the concerned transit riders wanted an explanation of what the photo means and why it's there, naked, with no logo or website attached to it.

That's partly the point, Cottingham explained, of Calgary Biennial, which features a var-

ity of artworks installed in advertising spaces purchased with a \$20,000 grant.

"Almost all of them, they kind of exist on their own, and that was important to me — to choose work that didn't need a handful of referents," he said.

The goal, he added, is to "raise questions and prompt reconsideration over how public space is used."

But, if you must know, this particular photo is part of a larger series by Toronto-based artist Steven Beckly called "Reunions," which he describes as "a body of work that recontextualizes found photographs of same-sex intimacy, and their displays."

Beckly told Metro he wanted to include his work in Calgary Biennial because "it's interesting to place seemingly private intimacies previously performed for the camera in the public arena, especially in an advertising medium that relies on images to sell things."

As for the concerns raised by some transit riders, Beckly said he hasn't heard the specifics, and could only guess at why the image affected some people the way it did.

"Perhaps it's specifically two men displaying affection that makes people uneasy," he said. "Or perhaps, it's uncomfortable because this intimacy is not being explicitly advertised as a commodity. Maybe if this was advertising a gay-dating website, it would be easier or more familiar for people to digest."

As for the city, it has no problem with the artwork in the ad space.

"This was approved by our contractor Pattison Outdoor," transit spokesman Ron Collins told Metro in an email. "All ads that go up on Calgary Transit property adhere to Advertising Standards Canada guidelines."

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Crime. Charge laid against owner of neglected dogs

Alberta RCMP have laid the first criminal charge against a woman living on a Milk River-area property where more than 200 neglected dogs were found but say there will likely be more to follow.

April Irving faces one count of animal cruelty in connection with five dogs found dead on the property, said Cpl. Troy Dobson, who discovered the animals.

Dobson said the animals had "starved to death."

"There were three adult dogs and two puppies," he said. "They were in a shelter."

In two phases, SPCA officers seized more than 200 dogs

from the property. Many of the animals were suffering from wounds and severe hygiene issues.

Irving, speaking to Metro in the past, has maintained that the animals were her "family" and that she'd agreed to surrender some dogs so she could take better care of the remaining ones.

Irving also made reference to five deceased newborn puppies that she'd left in a basket by the door of her home so she could grieve.

But Dobson said the dogs he discovered did not match that description.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Committee

Auditor general's budget gets cut

An Alberta legislature committee, acting under the direction of Premier Jim Prentice, has clawed back more than half-a-million dollars from the auditor general.

The Progressive Conservative members on the all-party committee voted to revoke \$546,000.

The money was part of \$1.8 million cut from the auditor general's budget in December as part of government reductions to deal with collapsing oil prices.

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Surge in taxi complaints doesn't ruffle city officials

Transport. Increase attributed to reporting campaign in 2014

Complaints about Calgary cabs shot up 42 per cent in 2014, according to new data, but those behind the city-regulated rides say the increase is likely because of a push to have customers report bad behaviour, not an actual increase in gripes.

Overall, 599 complaints were received by the city's livery transport services wing in 2014, up from 420 in 2013. The largest number of complaints concerned driver conduct (201), and significant increases were also seen when it comes to improperly parked vehicles (98, up from 25) and unlicensed drivers (17, up from three).

But city spokeswoman Carissa Vescio said the city steered efforts last year that encouraged customers to file complaints directly to her department through 311. She



City officials say they aren't worried about a rise in cab complaints, attributing the increase to a push to have customers come to them directly with concerns. METRO FILE

said an increase was expected.

"We're able to track them more efficiently on our end," Vescio said of the complaints.

"Taxicab service in the City of Calgary is not perfect but it is improving."

Both she and Kurt Enders, president of Checker Yellow Cabs, took some encouragement from a decline in the number of complaints about

delays with customer dispatch (three, down from 22) and busy phone lines (23, down from 27).

"We are doing a good job, and that's with the help of smartphone technology, drivers being more aware of what's happening and the release of more licences so we can give better service to Calgarians," Enders said.

Details

- The average Calgary cab ride in 2014 spanned about eight kilometres and lasted 14 minutes.
- The best months for getting a cab were April and August, when 85 per cent of rides arrived within 15 minutes of a customer call. The worst month was December, when cabs arrived in that time frame 77 per cent of the time.

He also noted the 599 complaints stemmed from a total of about 8.4 million cab rides in 2014, or about one for every 14,000 trips.

Compliments about cab service declined in 2014 to 43 from 80 the year prior, but again the city said it had changed its reporting practices.

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Education. New program aims to fight radicalization

A heartbreaking video featuring a mother's message to her son who died fighting for the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) is part of a new program to fight the radicalization of Canadian youth.

Extreme Dialogue is believed to be Canada's first school-based initiative that tackles the issue.

It features films and educational resources using the stories of real people to help youth think for themselves and challenge extremist ideas.

Chris Boudreau, whose 22-year-old son Damian Clairmont was killed while fighting with Islamic extremists in Syria last winter, has continued to speak out against extremism.

"Here we are today. We have no body. No way of touching you one more time. No way to look at you and say goodbye," says the Calgary woman as she looks directly into the camera in the 10-minute video.

"Why couldn't you come home once you saw how it was? Why didn't you come home? How do we live our life knowing some of the things that you

Details

The program is available to schools and community groups and is aimed at teens between 14 and 18.

may have done?"

Boudreau said Tuesday that she hopes the message will get through to young people at risk. "It just shows the raw emotion and how we're affected as victims," she said. "It opens up an opportunity for youth to see the effects and to engage in critical thinking so they can make some decisions for themselves."

Rachel Briggs from the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, which helped develop the program, said ISIL uses the Internet to recruit the young. Extreme Dialogue will at least make another point of view available.

"If we can't shield our young people from the content entirely, at least we can make sure that they have the skills to see that propaganda for what it is," she said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Preparations begin for city's multi-family recycling bylaw



Parnell Legg, multi-family recycling project manager, said that 90 per cent of residents surveyed supported the initiative. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Mandatory. New rules will take effect on Feb. 1, 2016; fines for not complying are expected to be around \$250

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By 2016 it will be mandatory for every apartment building, townhouse and condo owner to provide independent, on-site recycling for their residents.

The city began laying the public-relations groundwork Tuesday for the rollout of a new multi-family recycling bylaw next year.

"The basis of the program is choice and flexibility, because we understand that there is a lot of differences and diversity in the complexes that are out there," said Parnell Legg, project manager with the city.

The building owners have three requirements according

to the bylaw: they must provide containers on-site, collect all the same materials as the city's blue-cart program and ensure that the material is taken away for recycling.

The new city bylaw will take effect on Feb. 1, 2016. Fines for not complying are expected to be around \$250.

Legg said he anticipates the program will divert up to 25 per cent of the waste sent to the dump.

There are approximately 163,000 multi-family dwellings in Calgary, and it's estimated that residents in these complexes tossed 17,000 tonnes of recyclable material into city landfills in 2012.

Anne MacLeod, president of The Courtyards Condo Board, was a part of launching a recycling program for her complex 10 years ago. The recycling is collected weekly, and each unit is charged only \$8 per year.

"We all wanted to make this happen because there's too much (waste) that goes to the dump," she said.

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Deerfoot Trail. Police investigate after incident of extreme road rage

It was road rage that could have resulted in tragedy.

Calgary police are currently investigating after a suspected bullet was fired at a truck Monday night.

Const. Chris Martin said the incident occurred around 7:50 p.m. when a southbound pickup truck carrying a father and his 11-year-old son had an "altercation" with a white Dodge Ram on Deerfoot Trail.

Somewhere between the Calf Robe Bridge and the Southland Drive exit, a shot was fired at the truck's box on the passenger side.

The bullet stopped short

Information

Those with information should contact police at 403-266-1234 or call Crime Stoppers.

of entering the cab, but police say it was frightening for those involved as it stopped "just behind where the child was sitting."

The suspect driver is described as a heavy-set aboriginal man in his 30s and the passenger is said to be white man with scraggly facial hair. **METRO**

Northeast. Stolen taxi tears through city: Police

A Checker Yellow cab wreaked havoc in northeast Calgary after being hijacked on Tuesday afternoon.

Police were first called to the scene to investigate three men who appeared to be dismantling a vehicle. When officers arrived, a suspect fled the scene and was spotted by a police helicopter entering a cab in Lake Bonavista.

According to Insp. Kelly Campbell, the suspect stole the

cab after the driver pulled over and exited the vehicle.

He sped through the northwest for 25 to 30 minutes, damaging approximately eight to 10 cars, Campbell said. She described his driving as "extremely dangerous to the public," but at this point police aren't aware of any injuries. The man was eventually stopped after hitting another car at 64 Street and 32 Avenue N.E.

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Skateboarding pioneer Tony Hawk is seen at a charity event in 2012. ANDREW TOTH/STARPIX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Calgary skate park dispute ramping up

Edgemont. Tony Hawk Foundation pledges support, clears up some misconceptions about skateboarding



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Representatives with a foundation created by skateboarding pioneer Tony Hawk are railing against opponents of a planned skate park in Calgary's Edgemont neighbourhood.

Even before designs for the planned park were revealed, a

petition with more than 480 signatures opposing the development was presented to the area community association. Many residents contend the park would be an eyesore and could lead to increased crime and noise. Some, meanwhile, said they are merely appealing for a more suitable location for the park, one that would still keep it in the Edgemont area.

But controversy over the park has left the heads of skateboarding advocates spinning as far away as Vista, Calif. — home of the Tony Hawk Foundation.

The foundation wrote a post on a Calgary news article vouching for the park and clearing up what it says are

some misconceptions.

Hawk, the legendary skateboarder who dazzled a generation of four-wheeled enthusiasts when he completed the first 900-degree spin, was out of the country and unavailable for comment Tuesday.

But Peter Whitley, programs director for the foundation, said the complaints raised by the Edgemont "NIMBYs" (not-in-my-backyard types) are common ones.

"If it's not going to be that the skate park reduces available space for soccer, then it's going to be that the skate park produces too much noise, or it's not the right character for that park or it's too close to resi-

dents or it's too far away from residents.... Really, I think what they want to do is put the skate park on the dark side of the moon and they're just looking for some reason or another to reject it."

Whitley said skateboarding is a good option for keeping kids active. He said his foundation often cautions advocates to withhold the actual location of a park until the last possible point to avoid stirring community uproar.

"Once you get people actually buying into the concept that the skate park can be beneficial to a whole generation of kids, then you can start asking, 'Well, where should it go?'"

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Trudeau blasts cuts to vaccine education

Immunization scare.
Tories' own polling showed rising fears

The Conservative government cut funding to a federal immunization program even as public skepticism about vaccinations was growing in the midst of the swine flu outbreak in 2009, documents show.

The Conservatives have cut funding to the program — an initiative that educates Canadians about the importance of immunization — by a total of 23 per cent since 2006.

On Tuesday, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau took a swipe at Prime Minister Stephen Harper for the spending reduction as dozens of North American communities find themselves grappling with measles outbreaks.

"Will he stop his self-promoting, partisan government acts and invest instead, now,



Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau
THE CANADIAN PRESS

in a campaign that encourages parents to vaccinate their kids?" Trudeau said during the daily question period.

The government has been "very clear" that Canadians should seek vaccines against a host of illnesses, Harper replied.

A 2006 report on the Pub-

lic Health Agency of Canada showed the government had committed \$10 million to the federal immunization program. By 2014, that number had fallen to about \$7.6 million.

But the government's own polling suggests that since 2006, Canadians were growing increasingly skeptical about vaccinations. That was especially true during the 2009 H1N1 scare, when some respondents expressed concerns about the safety of the swine flu vaccine.

"You hear in the news that healthy children die from this," one respondent told Decima Research. "You don't want your child to be part of that statistic."

A 2012 audit of the program found it was short-staffed and questioned whether education efforts were proving successful.

The audit recommended a "systemic and comprehensive review" of the program.

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Military funding

Feds obscure cost of ISIL campaign

Canada's parliamentary budget officer is calling for legal changes after the government stonewalled his efforts to put a precise price tag on the country's combat mission in Iraq. In his latest report, Jean-Denis Frechette was forced to produce a range of dollar figures for the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) because National Defence imposed cabinet secrecy on cost estimates and barred PBO staff from briefings. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Quebec minister defends strip search of teen girl

Quebec's education minister is under fire for defending high school officials who strip-searched a 15-year-old female student they suspected of selling drugs — an incident that has shocked some but appears to be well within the bounds of Canadian law.

Yves Bolduc said the province's schools have guidelines setting out how and when education officials can bypass police and order students to submit their clothing to a search.

"It's a question of security. These interventions have to be conducted carefully and respect

certain particular conditions," Bolduc said in response to a report in the Journal de Montreal on Tuesday.

The girl and her mother told the newspaper that school officials have been carrying out regular searches based on a belief that she was selling drugs to other students. But the situation boiled over last week.

The search moved into a closed-off room where the girl was ordered to remove her clothing, including her underwear. Her request to call her mother was reportedly refused.

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Anti-petroleum activists a possible threat: Mounties

The RCMP has identified "anti-petroleum" protesters as a potential security threat, fuelling concerns in Parliament that tough new anti-terror powers will be misused to target environmentalists, aboriginals and critics of the government's economic agenda.

Prepared by the RCMP's critical infrastructure intelligence team, the threat assessment dated Jan. 24, 2014 says: "There is a growing, highly organized and well-financed anti-Canadian petroleum movement that consists of peaceful activists, militants and violent extremists, who are opposed to society's reliance on fossil fuels."

Obtained by La Presse newspaper, the RCMP document casts climate-change activists as outside mainstream Canadian public opinion and points to a handful of criminal acts be-

tween 2006 and 2013, particularly the anti-fracking protests in New Brunswick that turned violent. It predicts that as pipeline and hydraulic-fracturing operations expand across Canada, "criminal activity associated to the anti-petroleum movement will increase nationally" and calls such extremists "a realistic criminal threat."

Bill C-51, the proposed Anti-Terrorism Act of 2015, would enact sweeping new spying and intervention powers for CSIS and the RCMP to target security threats. On Wednesday the NDP and Green Party pushed the Harper government on just who the bill is targeting.

But Prime Minister Stephen Harper mocked Mulcair, saying, "We knew that with the NDP it would be only a matter of a couple of weeks before we got into this kind of conspiracy theory." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

A 'very unusual' case

Halifax. Two suspects accused in alleged mall shooting plot make first court appearances



HALEY RYAN
Metro in Halifax

The man and woman accused of plotting a Halifax mall shooting sat on a bench, separated by sheriffs. The woman held a small smile on her face, her chin slightly in the air; the man's blond hair lay over his eyes as he stared straight ahead.

Lindsay Kanitha Souvannarath of Geneva, Ill., 23, and 20-year-old Randall Steven Shepherd of Halifax appeared briefly in Halifax provincial court Tuesday morning and did not look at one another.



From left: Lindsay Souvannarath, from Geneva, Ill., and Randall Steven Shepherd, from Halifax, appeared in provincial court Tuesday. PHOTOS: THE CANADIAN PRESS

Both were arraigned on charges of conspiracy to commit murder until their next appearance on March 6. Crown information submitted to the court shows Shepherd and Souvannarath also now face

charges of conspiracy to commit arson, illegal possession of weapons for a purpose dangerous to the public and making a threat through social media.

The RCMP say the accused were planning a mass shooting

at the Halifax Shopping Centre on Valentine's Day.

"I would say (it is) very unusual for here; I certainly haven't encountered anything like it," Crown attorney Shauna MacDonald of the special prosecutions unit told reporters outside court.

The Crown information alleges that the offences occurred between Jan. 6 and Valentine's Day and were carried out with James Lee Gamble, a 19-year-old man found dead in his Timberlea home on Friday.

A social-networking website believed to be linked to Gamble features pictures of weapons, Nazi symbols and images relating to the Columbine school shooting.

When asked why the case is considered a conspiracy, MacDonald said it means the police allege two people have arrived at an agreement.

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France tracking many possible sleeper cells

Terror organizations.

France aims to intercept the radicalization process and treat jihadi material on the Internet as a criminal act

France is tracking hundreds of people believed to belong to possible sleeper cells for terror organizations like al-Qaida or the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), the country's top security official said.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve laid out what has become an increasingly urgent question for European intelligence services: how to trace the moment when someone transforms from a disgruntled criminal or a disaffected citizen into a terrorist, and how to block those first steps toward radicalization.

"Four hundred targets have been identified by our intelligence services that are more or less sleeper cells, affiliated or in relation with al-Qaida-type organizations, that can strike like the Kouachi brothers," Cazeneuve said in an interview late Monday.

Said and Cherif Kouachi were French-born brothers who killed 12 people in Paris on Jan. 7 when they stormed the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo. They were shot dead by police in a confrontation two days later.

Cazeneuve said he wants new measures to give intelligence services more leeway to monitor suspects' electronic communications. He is heading to the United States on Wednesday to try to persuade Internet giants to step up and help stem extremists' ability to use propaganda videos to recruit and indoctrinate new followers.

Facebook, Twitter, Apple and Google — all major vectors for increasingly sophis-

Quoted

"When you have terrorists who keep a low profile for years and then suddenly decide to act — either to obey an order from a large terrorist organization such as al-Qaida or of their own volition — then you need to be able to monitor them on a long term."

French Interior Minister
Bernard Cazeneuve

ticated jihadi clips targeting potential followers in the West — will be among his stops in Silicon Valley.

"Ninety per cent of those who commit terrorist acts fall into it after regularly consulting websites or blogs that call for or provoke terrorism," Cazeneuve said.

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Kosovo marks 7th anniversary of independence

Top: People gather on Feb. 17, 2008 around the Newborn monument in Pristina. Bottom: Seven years later on Feb. 17, 2015, Kosovo marked a sombre seventh anniversary of independence from Serbia as the mainly ethnic Albanian territory grapples with an exodus triggered by deep economic malaise. ARMEND NIMANI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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Makers of 'female Viagra' trying again for approval

Flibanserin. FDA holding back because of pill's lacklustre effectiveness and side effects such as fatigue, dizziness and nausea

Different approach

While earlier female libido drugs worked on hormone levels, flibanserin is the first attempt to increase sexual desire by acting on brain chemicals linked to appetite and mood.

- If approved, flibanserin would be labelled for premenopausal women with hypoactive sexual desire disorder, described as a lack of sexual appetite that causes emotional distress.

The makers of a twice-rejected pill designed to boost female libido are resubmitting their drug to American health regulators, following a recent lobbying blitz by politicians, women's groups and consumer advocates aimed at pushing it onto the market.

Sprout Pharmaceuticals said Tuesday it is refiling its application for the drug, flibanserin, adding new information requested by the Food and Drug Administration about how the pill affects driving ability. FDA scientists requested that data after their most recent rejection of the drug, in part due to results showing nearly 10 per cent of women in company trials reported sleepiness as a side effect. The company studied women's driving ability the morning after taking flibanserin compared with women taking a

placebo and a common sleeping pill.

If approved, Sprout's daily pill would be the first drug for women who report a lack of sexual desire, a market that drugmakers have been trying to tap since the blockbuster success of Viagra for men in the late 1990s. But the drug has already faced a long, winding review at the FDA because of lacklustre effectiveness and side effects including fatigue, dizziness and nausea.

In an effort to break the regulatory logjam, groups sponsored by Sprout and other drugmakers have begun publicizing the lack of a "female Viagra" as a women's rights issue.

"Women deserve equal treatment when it comes to sex," states an online petition to the FDA organized by one group, Even the Score, which garnered 25,000 supporters.

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Employment. Bill aims to protect unpaid interns

Parliament is debating an NDP private member's bill that would give unpaid interns workplace standards and safety protections under the Canada Labour Code.

The bill, tabled last spring by Quebec MP Lauren Liu, would ensure that all internships are linked to educational programs and primarily benefit the intern, not the employer.

It would also limit the number of hours of work for

unpaid interns, and provide them the right to refuse dangerous work.

The proposed legislation would also prohibit companies from replacing paid work with internships.

While some provinces, including Quebec, Ontario and Alberta, provide some protections to unpaid interns, there are no laws covering federally regulated businesses that use free labour.

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VOICES

MY CAT IS ALMOST FAMOUS

4,500 photos, 10,000 Instagram followers and one hell of a cute feline: What Stash the Moustache Cat has taught me about making it on the Internet



Stash the cat has surpassed the 10,000 followers mark on Instagram. ELISHA DACEY/INSTAGRAM



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I have taken about 4,500 photos of my cat in the past year.

I am not a crazy cat lady. I mean, I love my cats but I never took 4,500 photos of my previous pets. Or my kid. (Well, I might have taken that many of my kid.)

I am the owner of Stash the Moustache Cat. He was an experiment in going viral that's proven that to be almost famous on the Internet, you just need something really remarkable — and a lot of luck. And it helps if it's a cat.

Stash was just your average family pet (with a distinctive moustache marking on his face) in January 2014 when we at Metro decided to see if we could make him go viral.

Cats with moustaches are actually a thing online. They're called Kitlers. This is something I learned over a month of posting his photos on Instagram. When the month was done, Stash had about 1,000 followers. Not bad, but hardly viral.

So I decided to keep going on my own, posting roughly four photos a day of Stash getting belly rubs, freaking out at the patio door over the backyard bunnies and falling off of things.

It's been a year, and Stash has passed the 10,000-follower mark on Instagram. His follower count grew by 2,000 in only one night when another popular Instagram account asked me if it could feature him. His popularity is weird and hilarious to me.

Here's what I've learned:

1. Cat people are obsessed. Some people love Stash as much as they love their own kitties.

They get very upset or worried if I don't post enough photos. I once posted a photo of Stash in a carrier and said we were off to the vet. It was time for his annual checkup, and we also shaved him down for the summer.

Not only were people genuinely worried something was wrong with him, I had a few people leave comments about how mad they were that I would shave my cat's fur. Stash is a real part of some of his followers' lives, and yet he's never met them.

2. The online cat community is a bully-free zone. Jerks are not tolerated.

3. When I post, I pretend that Stash is speaking. I can't believe the number of people who talk to him like he's a human.

4. The quality of the photo matters. Good photos always get more likes than mediocre ones.

5. That said, sometimes the mediocre photos get more likes, simply because a well-connected person shares the photo.

6. Stash's formula for success: good photo with mildly amusing caption, and the photo MUST contain the moustache in some way.

The experiment will continue. I will keep posting photos between meetings, in the elevator, on my lunch break, even during my daily conference call with the other Metro editors (sorry, guys).

Stash isn't viral. There are a lot of Internet Kitlers. But we've built a community 10,000 strong. Not bad for a clumsy cat with a moustache.

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Watching the red carpet doesn't make me a bad feminist



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With the Academy Awards mere days away, people are talking — and not just about who will take home those little gold statues.

The question "Who are you wearing?" will be asked over and over again on Sunday. I may be a card-carrying feminist but I still love the Oscars pre-show, particularly the inherent snarkiness of the question and the silliness of the red carpet in general. Other feminists disagree.

The "Who are you wearing?" query has become just one example of what some see as a deeply shallow and sexist ritual. The backlash went into overdrive this awards season when comedian Amy Poehler's Smart Girls community Twitter page posted: "The #RedCarpet is open and we want the media to #AskHerMore! Let's go beyond 'who are you wearing?' and ask better questions! #GoldenGlobes."

Um, I have a question: Really? The bad queries are half of the fun. When I'm watching award pre-shows I don't want to hear opinions from men or women on the Keystone XL pipeline. I want to know more about their extrava-

gant outfits. Isn't that the point of the hours-long parade of Chanel and Dior and Armani, anyway? There is a time and a place for everything. The red carpet is the time and place to celebrate the glitz and glamour of Tinseltown, not ask the hard-hitting questions.

There is no denying women tend to get asked more about fashion and diets than their male counterparts. BuzzFeed, with tongue firmly in cheek, found a fun way to make sure the men were also asked some lighter questions before the BAFTA Awards. The men's answers to what they were wearing, if they would twirl, and whether they were donning Spanx, were revealing and hilarious.

And that's the point. The red carpet can be laughable; the questions should be equally so. The time to ask the male directors and producers who still largely control Hollywood some seriously tough questions is after the awards are handed out. My suggestions? Why are women often relegated to playing moms and wives once they hit 30? Can you not promote more than one standard of female beauty? Why are there not more women directing films? What's with the wage gender gap in Hollywood?

Let's #AskHerMore.

I probably risk getting my feminist card revoked for saying this, but I don't think many female stars want to be asked more at these events. These stars are savvy businesspeople choosing to walk the carpet to promote themselves, their projects and, ahem, their brand synergies.

The Oscar-winning actor Charlize Theron, for instance, always looks glorious clad in Dior. Why? Because she has a long-term advertising deal with the French fashion house. She also reportedly demanded equal pay for her upcoming flick *The Huntsman* after the Sony hack revealed her male co-star, Chris Hemsworth, was getting paid substantially more than her. I bet if asked about the pay discrepancy on a red carpet she would decline comment. Ask about her dress, and surely she'd purr: "Jadore Dior!"

The late, great Joan Rivers is said to have first posed the sartorial query in the '90s. The comedian once defended her ubi-

quitous and controversial catchphrase, telling Entertainment Weekly, in part: "Other reporters always said, 'I'm not going to ask that. I'm going to ask how (the actors) feel politically!' But actors don't want to hear that!" She was right, for the most part.

Some stars, such as Theron's paramour and two-time Oscar winner Sean Penn, have a penchant for droning on about their political views, whether asked or not. Let's hope someone has the nerve to ask the prickly Penn who he's wearing the next time he's on red carpet.

What could be sillier and snarkier than that?

Melissa Dunne is a Toronto-based freelance writer.

Charlize Theron in Dior at the 2013 Oscars. With a lucrative Dior contract, Theron is probably all too happy to promote what she's wearing on the red carpet, argues Melissa Dunne. GETTY IMAGES FILE



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Iggy Azalea DAVID LOPERA



Spanish artist big ups A-listers

This should make the debate about body image issues a little more interesting. While famous women suffer punishing workouts to tone up and slim down, a 20-year-old Spanish artist is taking to Photoshop to plump them up. Like, by a lot.

David Lopera has been doing custom images for clients making celebrities like Iggy Azalea, Kim Kardashian, Katy Perry and Mila Kunis significantly rounder. And, he tells the Daily Mail, business is booming.

"Men are always writing to me asking if I can make their (celebrity) crushes look a bit fatter," he says. "These women look much better when they're overweight ... Look at my pictures and you will see that big is beautiful."

Katy Perry DAVID LOPERA

Amber Rose kuts Khloe to the kwik with Kylie kwip

What started out as some pretty decent shade-throwing by Amber Rose over rapper pal Tyga taking up with 17-year-old Kylie Jenner has broken out into an all-out Twitter war. Rose first angered the Kardashian clan by telling Power 105 that Jenner is "a baby, she needs to go to bed at 7 o'clock and relax." Which doesn't seem like such terrible advice, but tallest Kardashian Khloe mounted a tweet-based offensive on Rose. "Please don't worry about my sister who has a career and her s— together at only 17... Please stop talking about us in interviews, mama. None of us talk about you." There

were also some frog and coffee cup emojis thrown in, for some reason.

This is huge, as it quite possibly marks the first time a Kardashian has ever asked someone to not pay attention to them. Rose did keep talking, though, responding to Khloe and invoking older sister Kim with, "I'll be that (little) whore to support my family like (your) older sister is a whore (to) support hers. We're even." And it goes on from there, including some dispute about the difference between a stripper and a prostitute. Rose even tosses in a reference to O.J. Simpson being Khloe's real father. Enjoy! And choose your sides in this skirmish carefully.



Khloe Kardashian and Amber Rose. GETTY IMAGES

Bieber gets a good old-fashioned egging



Justin Bieber GETTY IMAGES

Things are off to a messy start in the promo run-up to Justin Bieber's much-hyped roasting at the behest of Comedy Central next month. In the first video clip for the event, the tiny Canadian terror is pelted in slow-mo with eggs, hearkening back to his previous arrest for doing the same to a neighbour's house, as the video teases, "Watch Justin Bieber learn how poor, defenceless houses feel." Also, can we do something about Bieber's apparent allergy to shirts? I know he put a lot of time into all those tattoos and wants to show them off, but still.

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Actor Evelyn Brochu plays a journalist who is recruited into Camp X. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Decoding life at a Canadian spy camp

Series debut. New CBC show *X Company* depicts agents being trained at WWII espionage school

It's 1942 and a group of Allied agents are training at a top-secret facility — not in Europe, but on the shores of Lake Ontario.

The premise behind the new CBC series *X Company* stems from a part of Canada's Second World War history that many don't know about, say the stars.

"It really is this thing to be proud of for Canadians," said Dustin Milligan, who was born in Yellowknife and played Ethan Ward on *CW's* 90210. "In a lot of ways, modern espionage, modern spy craft was developed in Canada."

Debuting Wednesday, *X Company* centres on Camp X, which was a spy school on the Whitby-Oshawa border.

The facility trained hundreds of secret agents to work behind enemy lines. It also had a state-of-the-art telecommuni-

cations centre.

Milligan plays Tom Cummings, an American advertising expert who specializes in propaganda and manipulation. His co-stars include Evelyn Brochu as Aurora Luft, a French-Canadian/Jewish-German journalist who is recruited into Camp X after joining the Resistance in France.

Connor Price plays Harry James, the youngest of the spies who acts as the radio operator and explosives expert. The five agents at the training centre were plucked from their everyday lives to become spies and their vulnerabilities show while they're in the field.

The other spies are played by Jack Laskey and Warren Brown. Other cast members include *Flashpoint* star Hugh Dillon as the leader of the camp and Lara Jean Chorostecky as the leader of the all-female staff of the telecommunications centre.

Mark Ellis and Stephanie Morgenstern created and wrote the series, which is a Canadian-Hungarian co-production that was shot over three months in Budapest.

Quoted

"They're not perfect and they're not super-heroes. They are heroes, though, and to me that's extremely relatable."

Montreal-born Evelyn Brochu, who co-stars on the CBC series *X Company*. She also played a French scientist on *Orphan Black*.

In the first episode, the spies are in France. As they embark on a dangerous mission, viewers also see the perspective of the Nazis. "Our show has this really unique way of painting even the guys, seen as the villains, in a light of humanity," said Price, a Toronto native whose credits include the series *The Dead Zone* and the film *Good Luck Chuck*.

"You see their backstory, you see their motives — they're even justified in a way. So as you're watching it, you're torn between two sides, as crazy as it is. The viewing experience becomes much more personal as you relate to these real people in this real situation."

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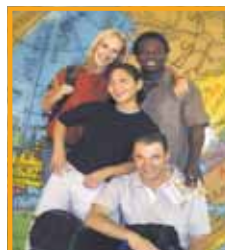
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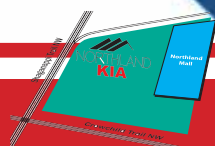
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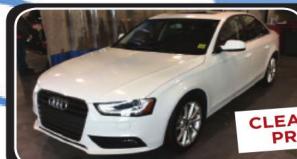
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Island hopping.
 A trip that combines stops in Dominica and Barbados offers equal parts adventure and relaxation

When the urge to escape the winter grind strikes, and you don't want to just relax on the beach, you need to find a sun destination that also offers a mild dose of adventure. Enter the Caribbean islands of Dominica and Barbados, each with its own allure.

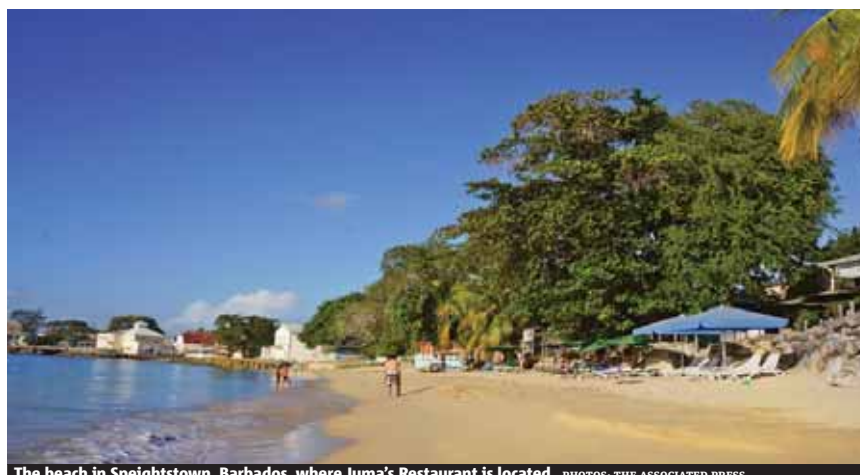
Getting dirty in Dominica

A rugged, hard-to reach, self-proclaimed "nature island" dropped into the Lesser Antilles, Dominica is as far away from the all-inclusive Caribbean experience as you can get. Instead of bands of tranquil beaches crawling with tourists, it's covered with lush rain forest and enough trails to keep you hiking for weeks.

Climb down Wavine Cyrique, a vertical trail of tangled mangrove roots and improvised rope ladders.

You'll quickly learn that Dominica always rewards a struggle. When you reach the bottom, you'll find yourself in a scene straight out of Pirates of the Caribbean with a secluded black sand beach, a waterfall shooting off the cliff into the rough sea and a coconut tree swaying lazily in the breeze.

Dominica is full of small astonishments like that. After scrambling over muddy rocks and wading through rivers for an hour, you'll suddenly find yourself faced with a powerful waterfall emptying into a basin



The beach in Speightstown, Barbados, where Juma's Restaurant is located. PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Wavine Cyrique in Dominica is a tangled trail of mangrove roots and improvised rope ladders.

of turquoise water — perfect for swimming. Snorkelling, you'll not only enjoy watching neon fish and sea cucumbers, but thanks to the island's volcanic activity, you are surrounded by sparkling bubbles that give the spot its name: Champagne Reef.

At night, you can curl up in a comfortably furnished yurt at a property called Mermaid's Secret, falling asleep

to the calls of crickets and frogs.

But sometimes you need a "vacation from the vacation," as they say. Dominica's isolated natural beauty enchants, but after five days of exploring, your muscles may be tied up in knots and legs criss-crossed with scratches. Before heading back to snow, make time for that perfect beach day by tacking Bar-



Hikers are rewarded with great sights in Dominica.

bados onto your itinerary.

Beach on a budget in Barbados

Barbados is on Dominica's flight path (flights also pass through Antigua) and it's also relatively easy on the wallet. Its postcard-perfect beaches are free and public transportation is simple to navigate. Almost every time you step onto the street, a van pulls

If you go...

- **Dominica.** Wavine Cyrique, located south of Rosalie. Mermaid's Secret, in Rosalie, mermaids-secreet.co.uk, \$89-\$99 a night. Champagne Reef Dive & Snorkel: champagnereef.com
- **Barbados.** Juma's Restaurant, No. 2 West End, Queen Street, Speightstown, jumasrestaurant.com. Oistins Fish Fry: barbados.org/oistins-fish-fry.htm

up, ready to whisk you away.

With a little legwork you can find perfectly secluded beaches in Barbados. Juma's Restaurant, in Speightstown, is an easy favourite. Pool-calm waters, an immaculate stretch of sand and free use of lounge chairs and umbrellas make it the island's best-kept secret. For an inexpensive lunch you can buy a sandwich for \$5.

On the other side of the island, try Bottom Bay. With its dramatic cliffs and foamy waters, it's clear to see why it's popular for fashion shoots. There are no restaurants nearby, so pack a picnic, but you can buy a pina colada in a fresh coconut on-site. Still, there's a time and place for crowds in the Caribbean. On Friday nights, tourists and locals alike descend on Oistins Fish Fry, an outdoor bazaar of restaurant shacks that fix up overflowing plates of fish, plantains and macaroni for \$15. As the night goes on, the music turns up, more locals join in, and the stage becomes a freewheeling dance scene where everybody shows off their moves.

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Theme trips

Destinations fit for Oscar



ON THE MOVE
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Take some travel inspiration from this year's Academy Award-nominated films and get a little bit of history and culture while you're tripping.

Selma tells the story of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1965 civil rights marches. Go to Alabama and walk the same path as his 25,000-strong movement did along the Selma-to-Montgomery National Historic Trail or visit the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute in Selma, which chronicles their struggle. Closer to home, the Seaview Baptist Church in Halifax, N.S., is a wonderful site to visit for information on an important piece of our own black history. The church houses a small museum that documents the fascinating story of Africville, a black



Bletchley Park, featured in *The Imitation Game*, was the site of Alan Turing's Nazi code cracking operation during the Second World War. ISTOCK

community in Halifax that was first settled following the War of 1812 and was torn apart by officials for city development in the late 1960s.

Set in New York City, Birdman stars Michael Keaton as a man looking to restore his artistic integrity by performing in a Broadway show. Most of the film takes place around the St. James Theatre on Broadway. If you're headed to the Big Apple, the theatre is gearing up to show Something Rot-

ten, a tale of a pair of brothers who set out to write the first musical in the era of Shakespeare.

The Imitation Game tells the story of Alan Turing, a man who was instrumental in helping the Allies win the Second World War after helping crack Nazi Germany's Enigma code. In Milton Keynes, England, visitors can go to Bletchley Park to see where Turing worked. The displays include numerous exhibits and tranquil outdoor grounds.

Try trail-riding in shadow of the Rockies this summer

New adventure.

Calgary-based club leads guided horseback rides through national park for the first time

The 92-year-old non-profit group Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies will offer guided horseback adventures in Waterton Lakes National Park this summer.

It's the first time the Calgary-based club, which promotes conservation, has run trips in the park, a UNESCO world heritage site in Alberta's southwest corner.

The six-day back-country experiences — priced at \$2,775 per person, which includes membership in the organization — feature teepee and tent accommodations, gourmet four-course meals, hot showers and bus transportation from Cal-



Waterton Lakes National Park boasts beautiful scenery. ISTOCK

gary, Trail Riders says.

The group says its luxury getaways are for both novice and seasoned riders.

En route to the park, participants will visit another UNESCO world heritage site, Head-Smashed-In Buf-

falo Jump.

"Environmental awareness has always been a top priority of (Trail Riders), and we have been a leader in reducing back-country impact," the group says on its website.

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Add a little sound to your professional surroundings

Career. When all is quiet on the office front, it might be best to break the silence

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Breaking the silence could be your key to productivity.

For many workers, the sound of a busy office can be incredibly distracting. But for others, an environment that's too quiet can be just as unsettling.

In either case, this results in many professionals reaching for their headphones.

Dr. Amit Sood from the Mayo Clinic told the New York Times that melodious sounds can help release dopamine, which is associated with reward.

In other words, listening to music can actually



The sound of silence may not be satisfying the needs of your noggin. ISTOCK

result in making your work experience much more enjoyable.

That fact isn't surprising — personal music players have never been more popular among youth and adults. But what types of sounds actually increase your productivity? Read on to find out.

How does sound affect us?

Sounds can really change how we feel about an environment.

When we need to focus in on a task, using sounds can be a great way to drown out other distractions.

A study published in the Journal of Consumer Research found that a moderate level of ambient (or background) noise boosted productivity for many.

This could explain why coffee shops are such a popular spot for students and professionals to get their work done.

Ambient noise can also

How does sound affect us?

Sound affects humans in four main ways:

- Physiologically: Sound can alter our heart rate, breathing rhythms, hormone secretions and our brainwaves.
- Psychologically: Hearing different noises can change our mood.
- Cognitively: Sound affects our productivity and how much we can accomplish.
- Behaviourally: The ability to hear is a primary warning sense for us and has an important effect on what we do and where we do it.

enhance creativity. The same study also showed how about 70 decibels of noise (the equivalent to a passenger car travelling on a highway) can enhance creative task performance.

Here are some tips to remember when searching for your ideal soundscape:

- Slow-paced sounds tend to relax
- Fast-paced sounds tend to stimulate
- Stochastic sounds, such as rainfall or coffee shop noise, are useful for working

• To avoid being distracted, you may want to choose soundscapes which include conversations, telephones or alarms.

Where can I find some good soundscapes?

The Internet is full of soundscapes. Here are a few you can experiment with:

• ASofMurmur.com: This site lets you take your pick of ambient noises from a thunderstorm and fire, to white noise and crickets. You can make your perfect mix to cancel out any distracting noises.

• Coffitivity.com: This resource gives you the choice of sounds from a coffee shop in the morning, at lunchtime or on campus to suit whatever you're feeling.

This page also comes as an app for your smartphone so you can bring coffee shop sounds with you wherever you go.

• Noisli.com: This site lets you mix different sounds to create a soundscape just for you. You can also pick noises based on whether you want to relax or be productive.

• RainyCafe.com: Combines the noises from a coffee shop with a rainstorm.

• SimplyNoise.com: If you're simply looking to drown out a noisy environment, this site allows you to pick from 3 different colours of noise: pink, white, and brown.

It is similar to the sound you hear when your TV loses its signal, but after a few minutes of listening, you'll forget the sound is there.

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Career. How to know if an offer on the table will work for you

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Knowing whether a job is the right choice for you can be tough.

How do you know it will advance you to where you want to go? Since you'll be devoting a lot of time to that role, how can you be sure you're making the right decision?

Here are some things to consider before you accept a job offer.

Is it suited for your lifestyle? Maybe you're looking for flexibility in your hours. Or perhaps you're looking for a typical Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. job.

Make sure you know how flexible this position will be. Some employers won't mention that you have to work overtime or outside of regular



Although you can't be too picky when deciding on a job, you want to be sure it is going to fit in with your lifestyle.

office hours.

If you usually spend weekends out of town, a job that requires you to work weekends may not be the best choice.

Be upfront about your situation, and ask questions during the interview. Don't agree to a job that requires a two-hour commute if you have commitments before or after work that you're not willing to give up. Some em-

ployers are flexible with work arrangements, so be sure to bring this up during the interview stage.

Is the money right?

This area can be tricky. When considering your potential income, you should be realistic.

Do research on the position you're applying for, and compare the income your potential employer is offering you to others in your field.

Then, based on your experience, determine an income range you think would be fair to both you and the employer.

It's best if you do this research before your interview, as you will likely be given a salary quote during the meeting.

If you feel a company is holding back, remember you have the option of politely objecting, and making your

Can you see yourself fitting in?

During your interview, ask about company culture, and make sure to observe what the environment is like while you are visiting for your interview.

- Does it seem like a formal, corporate environment? Maybe it's more casual and laid-back. Most importantly, try to see if the employees seem like they enjoy their work.
- Company culture can be the ultimate deciding factor for a lot of people because it affects you every single day. In this case, going with your gut feeling can be a good thing. If the workplace gives you a bad vibe, there is probably a reason for it.

own suggestion.

However, if you decide to do this, make sure that you have solid reasons for deserving a higher wage. For example, if you have many years of experience in a related field, you should not accept the lowest pay bracket.

Young professionals and new grads should make sure they can live off of their income. But don't expect to have a ton of extra money.

Once you have some experience under your belt, you'll have some room to be more selective with your jobs and income.

Will this role help your career?

Keep in mind that if you pick this job, you do not have to work there forever.

Think about the opportunities the new job presents if you work there short-term, as well as the advantages of working there long-term.

This is especially true if you're a relatively new graduate looking to break into the industry.

Is this role in the field you are aiming for? If not, what transferable skills will you learn from this position that will help you down the road?



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Win the game by remembering their name

Career. Six tips to help you recall all of your professional acquaintances

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Meeting person after person at a networking event, your first day at work, or even in a group of new friends, can be overwhelming. Many individuals say they have a hard time keeping track of names and faces.

But how great is it when you bump into an acquaintance and they remember your name? It instantly makes you feel more connected to that person, even if you've only met them once before.

Moreover, remembering names can make a connection all the more personal and earn you serious brownie points when you're competing with countless others for a job.



Can you think of anything more flattering than when someone you met for a split second remembers who you are?
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It turns out that forgetting names is actually extremely common.

When we meet people, there are often multiple distractions — it's easy to forget to actually listen and absorb their name when you're taking in everything else about them.

Here are some tips and tricks you help you remem-

ber names while you're networking every time:

Repeat the person's name as soon as they say it.

If someone introduces themselves as Julie, say something like, "Hi Julie, great to meet you."

Throughout the conversation, continue mentioning their name. You can do this

by asking a question and adding their name: — for example, "So Julie, whereabouts do you work?"

Take their business card

If someone offers you their business card, remember to read it after your interaction. Seeing someone's name in print often helps you not only to recall their

If all else fails...

If you still can't remember their name, just ask.

- Forgetting someone's name, or having someone forget your name is inevitable in situations where meeting multiple people. Be tactful and say something along the lines of, "I'm sorry, but I didn't catch your name," or "My apologies, could you repeat your name for me? I'm not sure I heard it right."

name, but their position or title. If someone doesn't offer you their business card right away, then offer them yours to prompt an exchange.

where they work and a hobby and then use that in an introduction to someone else).

Remember where they are, and repeat their names in your head

This is one trick I've personally found to be effective in remembering names.

If you're standing in a group or sitting at a table, chances are you'll start at one end of the group and introduce yourself going around in one direction.


Take a moment during the conversation to go around the group and repeat their names in your head.

Make it memorable

When you first meet someone, ask them a few questions and see if you can associate their answers with their name.

Try an alliteration — for example, Sarah might work in Sales and like playing hockey, or Martin might work in Marketing and enjoy singing.

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Take a look at some of the many portraits of Venice by the likes of Canaletto, Tintoretto, and Guardi and you will see a city largely unchanged for centuries. Yes, Venice is a marvel of engineering, resting on wooden pillars on 118 submerged islands in the Adriatic. But more than that, it seems to float in time, a place of sinuous canals, crumbling merchant palaces, graceful bridges and bells pealing through mauve-coloured mist. Here is a one-day itinerary that offers an insider's look at this watery charmer:

WHAT TO DO

Venice has often been labelled a city for tourists. To watch the locals in action, hit the bustling 700-year-old Rialto markets in the morning Tuesday through Saturday with its burly stevedores, raucous vendors and bargaining patrons. Fetching piles of purple eggplant, ruby tomatoes, gleaming fish and

inky octopus provide a visual feast at the Erberia (vegetable market) and the Pescheria (fish market).

Given that you will spend \$100 for an hour's gondola ride, the city's water buses (vaporetti) are a deal at €7 for a one-way fare, or €20 for a 24-hour travel card. Head back toward the Grand Canal and take the No. 1 or 2 that comes every 10 minutes during the day. You will see merchants' palaces from the water, as well as laden delivery boats, and clanging fire or ambulance boats en route to a call.

Get off at the Guglie or San Marcuola stop and walk away from the Grand Canal until you stumble on Venice's Jewish Ghetto (Il Ghetto), the first in the world. Still home to a small Jewish community, this is one of the least touristy parts of the city. Even today, black-clad nonas call down to grandchildren in the street and laundry flaps from the windows. The synagogues occupy the top floors of the medieval equivalent of skyscrapers. You can take a tour of them through the small Museo Comunita Ebraica or head toward the Church of the Madonna dell'Orto (another six-minute walk) where Tintoretto was a regular attendee and several of his masterpieces are casually displayed.

Hop back on the vaporetto (1 or 2) and ride it under the Rialto Bridge, right down to tourist central: Piazza San Marco and its bling-laden Basilica di San Marco. By 3:30

p.m. or so, the cruise ships have departed and you should be able to view the basilica's miles of glittering mosaics at your leisure.

WHERE TO EAT

When you have worked up an appetite, cross the famed Rialto Bridge (the first to link Venice's two founding islands) and head to Bar Pasticceria Ballarin just a six-minute walk away. For less than €5, you can throw back a cappuccino and one of the crisp cannoli siciliani, oozing a delicately sweet cheese filling.

Hunker down on the bench overlooking the canal at Vino Vero. The main tourist areas are far away, which translates to value. You will find a range of artfully displayed local appetizers like polenta, baccala (salt

cod) and bruschetta, as well as tasty crostini topped with salami or chopped fish. Served with a nice glass of Prosecco, they will set you back a mere €20 or so for two people.

Finish your day over the bridge from Piazza San Marco at Osteria Enoteca Ai Artisti (Fondamenta della Toletta, Dorsoduro, 1169/A). The seafood is so fresh it practically flops on your plate. Think sea bass, lobster, scallops (whatever is on offer at the market that day), along with toothsome homemade pastas, plenty of fresh herbs and a friendly greeting from the owner (\$60 to \$150 Cdn per couple).

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Eggs, sausage and potatoes belong together

Brunch. This Spanish Chorizo Tortilla, which is Spain's version of an Italian frittata, makes use of pantry staples for an easy and filling meal



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I love trying new things in the kitchen. It is fulfilling to get creative and share my passion of food with people.

That passion was my inspiration for this Spanish Chorizo Tortilla, which is the Spanish version of an Italian frittata.

This recipe is easy enough for a weeknight meal to be served up with a crisp salad, but versatile enough to serve for brunch with family and friends.

Look for chorizo sausage in the grocery store where other cured sausages are sold. You can find mild or hot varieties.

Don't have enough eggs? Use six eggs and half a cup (125 ml) of 10% cream instead of the eight called for in the recipe.



This recipe serves six to eight. EMILY RICHARDS

TOTAL TIME
ABOUT 30 MINUTES

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (25 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 4 small yellow fleshed potatoes (about 1 lb/500 g), cut into 1/2 inch (1 cm) pieces
- Half small red onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 pkg (250 g) chorizo sausage, sliced
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 8 eggs
- 1 tsp (5 ml) paprika
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and pepper
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) shredded Manchego cheese (optional)

and parsley and cook, stirring for 2 minutes.

4. In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, paprika, salt and pepper and pour into skillet. Increase heat to medium and cook lifting edge with rubber spatula letting runny egg go to the bottom for about 3 minutes or until bottom is light golden and sides are starting to set.

5. Place skillet in 400 F (200 C) oven and bake for about 10 minutes or until knife inserted in centre comes out clean.

6. Sprinkle the dish with Manchego cheese if using and broil the Tortilla for about 2 minutes or until it golden on top.

Directions

1. In a large ovenproof non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat and the cook potatoes, red onion

and garlic for 5 minutes, stirring often.

2. Add broth, reduce heat to medium-low and cover

and cook for about 10 minutes or until potatoes are fork tender.

3. Uncover and add chorizo

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For Metro

Has a cold or flu got you feeling too miserable to even go to the drug store for some over-the-counter meds?

If so, just shuffle to your kitchen, where you can find ingredients to create your own soothing remedy.

Honey

Who needs cough syrup when you've got honey? Studies have shown this sweet spread to be just as effective as dextromethorphan, the cough suppressant commonly used in over-the-counter cough medicine.

Mix honey with hot water and lemon and it'll soothe your throat, too.

Chicken soup

"There is total validity to chicken soup to help fight colds



Yes, there really is something to it. Have some chicken soup when you're sick. SHUTTERSTOCK

and flu," says Bryce Wylde, alternative health expert and medical director at P3 Health in Toronto, "but it really has to be true chicken soup with real chicken stock."

Green tea

A steaming cup of green tea not only helps keep you hydrated, which Wylde says is key when battling a seasonal bug, but it will also give your



A dose of green tea will keep you hydrated and give your body antioxidants. SHUTTERSTOCK

weary body a nice dose of antioxidants.

This will help neutralize the free radicals that come along with colds and the flu. Adding a squeeze of lemon to

your tea, says Wylde, boosts your brew with limonene and a hit of vitamin C.

Mustard

Loosen congestion with a

Did you know

It's called "the common cold" for a reason — it's the most common ailment in the world. Some 200 types of viruses cause the common cold, and experts estimate that by age 75, most of us have spent a total of two years coughing and sneezing.

mustard plaster. Combine one part mustard powder with two parts flour, and add just enough water to make a paste.

Spread the mixture into a tea towel, fold the towel in half and apply to your chest — never put the plaster directly on your skin. Check regularly to make sure your skin doesn't get irritated.

Salt

Relieve and help banish your sore throat by gargling with 1/2 teaspoon of salt dissolved in a glass of warm water a few times a day. Saltwater gargles can also help you get rid of phlegm.



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Flames' Jones at long last earning his keep



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The last time the Calgary Flames and Colorado Avalanche made a trade, it was like one neighbour trading his recycling bin to another neighbour for his compost heap.

The Flames were trading away one slow-footed veteran defenceman and problem winger and getting the same thing with different names and faces in return. Cory Sarich and pouty Alex Tanguay to the Avs for Shane O'Brien and doghouse-boy David Jones in 2013.

At the time, I thought it was a lousy trade for Calgary because Jones had three years remaining at \$4 million each and spent a lot of time as a healthy scratch in Colorado. Tanguay was on a cheaper deal at \$3.5 million (same term) but in my opinion had more trade value because of his playmaking ability.

Tanguay was upset because the Flames were rebuilding and his body language made it necessary to move him. But in exchange for a fringe winger who immediately became Calgary's second highest-paid forward? I thought it was absurd. It didn't go well for Jones his first season here. Between injury and uninspired play, he scored just nine goals and 17 points in 48 games.

Sure, he was a two-time 20-goal scorer with the Avs. But since those back-to-back seasons, he looked like a player who once scored 20



David Jones twice scored 20 or more goals in a season prior to joining the Flames in 2013. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

Analytics study

CF60 RelTM (Corsi For per 60 minutes of ice time, relative to teammates) indicates how strong a player is at generating shot opportunities. Mark Giordano is the top Flame, ranking 90th among the 600 most active skaters this season.

1. Kris Letang (PIT), 13.35
2. Alex Ovechkin (WSH), 13.32
90. Mark Giordano, 5.26
107. Johnny Gaudreau, 4.58
118. David Jones, 4.30
183. Josh Jooris, 2.60
187. Jiri Hudler, 2.51
600. Manny Malhotra (MTL), -20.26

goals but would never do it again. Before the year was out, there was speculation the Flames would use one of their indemnity buyouts to get rid of the final two years on his deal, the way they got rid of O'Brien's final season.

But Jones has looked good this season. Not superstar good, but second- or third-line good. Like starting-to-be-worth-of-\$4-million good. He's big enough to be a two-way power forward capable of 20 goals, and it's showing.

He's fitting in well on any line and playing with intensity and effort. His possession numbers are relatively strong. As one of the few right-shooting forwards, he's making himself marketable again.

In fact, with each passing game I'm liking Jones more and Curtis Glencross less — although it should be noted the latter is coming back from a long injury layoff and is playing catch-up.

If Jones can play this way and contribute the pro-rated 20 goals and 43 points he's averaging this season, he can be a key part of Calgary's transformation another season — and stay out of the doghouse for good.

Court

Biogenesis 'doctor' sentenced to 4 years in prison

The former owner of a Florida medical clinic who posed as a doctor and illegally supplied steroid injections and other performance-enhancing drugs to professional baseball players and even high school athletes was sentenced Tuesday to four years in a federal prison.

Anthony Bosch, who choked back tears in court, sought a more lenient term because of his co-operation in the investigation, but U.S. District Judge Darrin Gayles refused.

Prosecutors said Bosch could still see his sentence reduced through further co-operation.

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Hernandez shown dismantling his phone in video

Jurors in the murder trial of former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez on Tuesday were shown surveillance video of him dismantling his phone outside a police station a day after the killing and making calls on his lawyer's phone.

"He's using one phone, either texting or calling, and the other one is on his lap, apart," said North Attleborough Police Det. Michael Elliott.

Hernandez had been asked to go there by police who went to his home after finding in victim Odin Lloyd's pocket a key to a Chevrolet Suburban that Hernandez had rented. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Wickenheiser's injury ends year

Women's hockey.

Canada's all-time leading scorer won't play in the upcoming world championship

Hayley Wickenheiser will undergo season-ending foot surgery Wednesday and won't play for Canada at the upcoming women's world hockey championship.

The four-time Olympic gold medallist and Canada's all-time leading scorer played in last year's Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, with a broken bone in her left foot.

Wickenheiser wore a walking cast for three months following the Games. She had a screw surgically implanted last August but her foot has



Hayley Wickenheiser has a broken bone in her left foot. GETTY IMAGES FILE

continued to give her problems this season.

"I've done everything I can to try and heal it and now I need to take a step back and take the time it needs and do this," Wickenheiser told The Canadian Press. "It's the major weight-bearing bone in

the foot, probably the most important bone in your foot.

"It's frustrating to miss the worlds, but at the same time, I need to do this right and come back strong for next season and that's my goal."

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Sweeting on track for showdown with Jones

Alberta's Val Sweeting collected her sixth win at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts (10-5 over B.C.) up at the top of the standings with the also undefeated legend Jennifer Jones (Manitoba) at 6-0. The two meet on Friday. THE CANADIAN PRESS/JONATHAN HAYWARD

NHL

Ovechkin leads Capitals over Pens

Alexander Ovechkin picked up his NHL-leading 37th goal and assisted on Joel Ward's winner to lift the Washington Capitals to a tasty 3-1 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Tuesday night.

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Track and field

Russian official resigns after doping scandals

The president of the Russian athletics federation, Valentin Balakhnichenov, has stepped down after almost 25 years after a string of doping scandals.

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Champions League

Cavani saves PSG tie with Chelsea

Striker Edinson Cavani gave Paris Saint-Germain a Champions League lifeline with a second-half equalizer as his team drew 1-1 with Chelsea in the first leg of their last 16 match on Tuesday.

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Points

- Powertrain similar to Fusion Hybrid, except for larger capacity lithium-ion battery pack, which takes up half the trunk.
- Electric-only top speed is more than highway-capable at 137 km/h.
- Electric-only range with a fully charged battery is about 30 kilometres.



The Fusion Energi qualifies for several substantial provincial green car rebates.

Notable features

- Standard MyFord Mobile mobile app to remotely monitor charging status.
- Plug-in port features cool-blue light ring that pulses when charging.
- Top-shelf Titanium model features 10-way power driver and passenger seats, inflatable rear seat belts, and super classy 17-inch aluminum wheels.

Ford's plug-in hybrid bristles with tech

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Review. Ford Fusion Energi works as a hybrid, EV, and as a totally usable and good-looking sedan

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Plug-in hybrids have yet to develop an identifiable personality and/or critical following. To most of us, they are little more than technical curiosity.

But they offer something neither a regular hybrid nor a full EV can deliver: You get to decide how much of the EV religion you want to partake of — plug in and turn on if you want to; plug out and turn off if you're not feeling it.

Truth be known, I wasn't exactly feeling it during the week of our test with the 2015

Ford Fusion Energi (top-shelf Titanium trim level), because frigid February temperatures robbed about a third of the potential 30-kilometre range available in the Energi's lithium ion battery pack after a full night's charge.

And to get that charge, I had to run a very long electrical cord through the snow from a back-of-the-house outlet. To top it off, gas was cheap that week. Nonetheless, I plugged in and felt good about it.

It's entirely possible to drive the Energi normally so it will deplete its electrical charge before firing up its gas engine and retreating to normal hybrid mode. The Energi can go quite fast — 137 km/hr — in pure electric mode.

In a regular hybrid, you might get two to three kilometres of pure EV mode, so the gas engine kicks in before you've even figured out your radio selection. But the Energi



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gives you enough EV range for a total EV commute (if it's not too long), and for a real EV experience, that smooth, silent, and (virtually) carbon-free propulsion which feels like The Future.

It's other main party trick is that it also gives you every-

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displays, and then some, to keep you abreast of charging, depletion, range, regenerative braking, etc. There is even a coaching function to help leverage EV modes. After a bit of initial tech shock, you start to explore the functions and see that it will still be possible to be the master of your domain, without resorting to screaming and/or manual consulting.

The only downsides appear to be cost, which can be partially overcome with provincial green car rebates, and a trunk dominated by the battery pack. Taking two other hockey pals to our weekly pick-up game meant two hockey bags had to go in the back seat; the trunk only held one. On the way back, we mutually decided that hockey bags really need to go in the trunk.

5 DRIVE

Demographics play into new car features

Driving Force. Ford is tracking worldwide trends in or to build technology for universal needs

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What does it take to build a car that people want to buy?

Along with the mechanical components, automakers also look at non-automotive things, including how different generations react to such diverse items as food, phones, and health care.

Ford recently released its third annual report on

trends, which it uses to try to understand the needs of different buyers, including the emerging Generation Z.

"It's really a discussion starter and a primer for brainstorming," says Sheryl Connelly, Ford's global trends and futuring manager.

"I'm often asked if you can draw a direct line from a trend to a new feature, but

it's not always that linear.

"You can use this many ways, and it could lead to new ideas, but more commonly it becomes part of the business case of why something should be added to a car."

A major issue with vehicles is that they can take three years or more from concept to marketplace, while consumer trends and prefer-



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ences can change dramatically in that time.

"We try to imagine the future that has yet to be imagined by anyone else, and that's where we use tools like tracking global trends to understand how things could change," Connelly says.

"I'll try to identify a trend and determine if it has staying power."

It's especially difficult to build and market a car that appeals to multiple generations. Baby boomers saw a car as their gateway to adulthood, Connelly says, while for millennials, cellphones gave them freedom and access.

In addition to its own work, Ford is reaching out to external collaborators to come up with new apps for vehicle infotainment systems, including a one that sends a text to everyone in

the driver's social circle asking them not to send any messages until they receive confirmation that the driver is at his or her destination.

Carmakers don't just look at the market where they're designing and building a car, but rather at society worldwide to see what the future may hold.

They also have to consider an aging population: Every seven seconds in North America, someone turns 65.

"You think about how reduced response time, impaired vision and limited range of motion could affect how we engineer the vehicles," Connelly says.

"But while we might have been inspired for these by aging drivers, we would never market it that way. We use universal design so it appeals to all drivers of all ages and physical conditions."

History of innovation

- In 2007, Ford was the first automaker to participate in the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.
- Before a feature is added, it has to prove its worth to consumers and remain

within the vehicle's development budget.

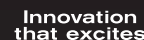
- Planners look at social, technological, economic, environmental and political trends, known as STEEP.



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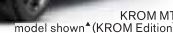
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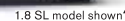
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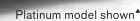
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A bespoke collection driven by delicate silk



An interior sketch of Rolls-Royce's latest bespoke creation. ROLLS-ROYCE/AFP

Hot wheels. Rolls-Royce to bring new Serenity to Geneva motor show

Rolls-Royce is a company that knows a thing or two about luxury and elegance, and for the latest bespoke creation, gracing its stand at the Geneva International Motor Show, it's promising to set a new stan-

dard in both.

Each of the company's bespoke collections takes its inspiration from a different source. In 2014, these sources were as varied as world water speed record breaker Donald Campbell and the dominant architectural themes permeating the world's most cosmopolitan cities.

For its latest creation, Serenity, Rolls-Royce has chosen to

celebrate silk — its delicacy, its symbolism (wealth, power, royalty) — and of course, the difficulties presented to even the best craftspeople when trying to create with the material.

The show car's interior promises to be a modern interpretation of the opulent cabins of classic Rolls-Royces specified by kings, queens and emperors, and will combine complex Japanese silk embroidery tech-

niques with a number of contemporary features.

As well as a new bespoke model, which the company claims will set a "new benchmark in super-luxury motor cars," Geneva is also expected to be the venue where Rolls-Royce takes the wraps off its next production car, which is expected to be a convertible version of its Wraith luxury GT coupé. **AFP**



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Finland touts most powerful electric supercar

Drive. The Toroidon 1MW Concept is due to be unveiled at the 2015 Top Marques Monaco

Sport Vitesse (1,200hp) and the Koenigsegg One:1 (1,400hp). Among all-electric vehicles, however, it is slated to be by far the most powerful ever made.

Top Marques Monaco will showcase around 60 supercars and customized vehicles, including the Evantra by Mazzanti and the Lamborghini Aventador by Hamann Motorsport. Clients will even have the option of testing these vehicles on a private section of a Formula 1 track before making their purchases.

The star of this 2015 edition is expected to be the AeroMobil 3.0, a car with the ability to transform into a two-seater plane.

The latest iteration of this exceptional Slovakian vehicle, which has top speeds of 160 km/h on land and 200 km/h in the air, will be unveiled to the public at the exclusive Monaco car show. **AFP**

Toroidon, a brand new manufacturer out of Finland, has announced an all-electric concept with 1000 kW — the equivalent of 1,341 horsepower.

The Toroidon 1MW Concept will be unveiled in a world premiere at Top Marques Monaco, the luxury car show set to take place from April 16 to 19.

Described as equally suited to the track and the open road, the Toroidon 1MW Concept was hand-assembled in Finland using artisanal techniques and high-tech materials.

In terms of pure power, according to the manufacturer's claims, the Toroidon 1MW Concept would rank between the Bugatti Veyron 16.4 Grand

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

There's an air of mystery about you right now, and others are having a hard time working out what you are up to. Chances are you're not up to much, but it amuses you to have them think otherwise.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Focus on your dreams and wishes and don't worry if they seem a bit far-fetched. Today's new moon makes all things possible, so aim high.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

The sun's move into the career area of your chart today means you can win friends and influence people, if you make the effort.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Should you stay quiet on an issue you have strong opinions about, just to keep things calm? No, you should not. Speak up and let the world know what you believe.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

If your sixth sense tells you that someone is not to be trusted you must not ignore it. Err on the side of caution.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

As the sun moves into the relationship area of your chart today you will need to start working more closely with certain individuals. In the long term it will be worth it.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Try not to push yourself quite so hard over the next few days. You can save a lot of time and energy by learning from other people's mistakes.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The sun moves into the most dynamic area of your solar chart today, marking the start of a much more upbeat phase in just about every area.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

The cosmic changes now taking place will help you get to grips with issues that have been causing you grief. Time to move on.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Aim to be on the move today because it is the people you meet along the way who will make things happen for you.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

It will pay you to be friendly to everyone you meet today, even those who have not always been friendly to you in the past. Your most pressing concern now is to make some extra money.

♓ Pisces

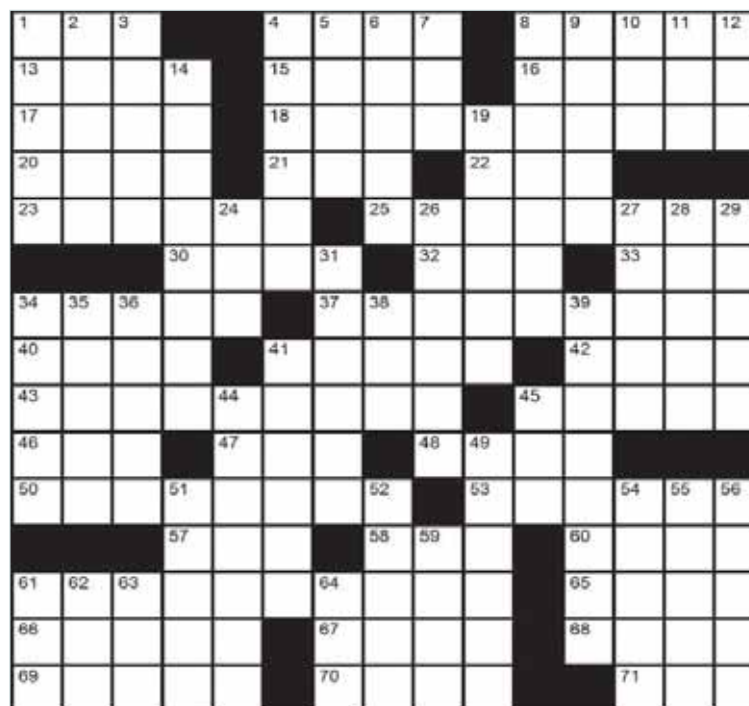
Feb. 20 - March 20

This is a hugely important day for you. Not only is there a new moon, but the sun's move into your sign means a new start is possible. How and where in your life would you like to wipe the slate clean?

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. English horn, ___ anglais
4. Land measure, e.g.
8. Mr. Nicholson's
13. With: French
15. Old Testament twin
16. Mixtures
17. Biblical peak
18. Quebec municipality on Lac-Saint-Pierre
20. Mr. Hersher's
21. Pup's bark
22. Palm's place, puny-ly
23. I ___ Pieces
25. Crystal ___
30. Cut ___ (Dance)
32. One: Spanish
33. Poet's "atop"
34. Glad
37. Online shopper's selecting-stuff button: 3 wds.
40. Regrettably
41. Self-respect
42. Mr. Carrey's
43. Governor General of Canada spouse's title, ___ Consort
45. Salon product
46. Fair-hiring letters
47. Hole-punching tool
48. British singer Ms. Henderson
50. Hall of Fame's new member
53. New ___ (Big Apple denizen)
57. Feminine pronoun
58. Basic learning, informally
60. Bout ender, informally
61. King found in that parking lot in England in 2012: name + Roman Numeral
65. Poet Mr. Pound



Down

1. ___ soup (Pantry item)
2. Turn ___ new leaf
3. Ms. Wilson
4. Bachman-Turner Overdrive song: 2 wds.
5. Mr. Morales
6. Bivouacs
7. Q. "Is '___' French

8. Face/Off (1997) director: 2 wds.
9. Saskatchewan village
10. U.S. President, to the mil.
11. ___-Noor Diamond
12. Compass dir.
14. Slump

19. Singer/actress Ms. Moore
24. Attempt
26. Football formation
27. What stuffy rooms have in them: 2 wds.
28. Skin layer
29. Skilled at crafts
31. Swish mouthwash
34. ___ Told You Lately
35. In the Skin of ___ (Novel by Canadian author Michael Ondaatje)
36. Walked nervously
38. Day: Spanish
39. ___ (Pamela Anderson's Baywatch role)
41. It looks like matte silver
44. Celebrity cook Ms. Ray
45. ___-mo replay
49. Music and ___ (2007)
51. Movies attendant
52. Actor, ___ von Stroheim
54. Canadian Heritage River in Nunavut
55. High nest (var. sp.)
56. Willy Wonka creator Mr. Dahl
59. Travel by horse
61. Univ. dorm supervisors
62. Variety
63. Gladiator's 151
64. Info, for short

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